Slippages have occurred in the above schedules on account of the delay in finalisation of the payment support mechanism. While the Fuel Supply Agreement between the promoters and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited is in an advanced stage of finalisation, the revised draft of the Implementation Agreement has been sent to Government of Orissa by the Company. Transmission Service Agreement between the off-taking utilities and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. would be taken up after techno-economic clearance of the Transmission scheme by Central Electricity Authority.

Additional budgetary sources of public sector power undertakings

†3137. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets relating to very essential internal and additional budgetary resources of the public sector power undertakings could not be achieved during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by Government to remove these lapses and to streamline the budgetary managements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) There has been some shortfall in utilisation of the Internal and External Budgetary Resources (IEBR) *vis-a-vis* the budget estimates. Some of the reasons are—delays in some hydel projects on account of factors like geological surprises, contractual problems, local agitations, natural calamities (in the case of hydel project of Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation) delay in sanction of projects, etc. To ensure that IEBR is utilized regular reviews of projects are carried out by the Ministry of Power. The progress of projects is also reviewed in the Quarterly Progress Reviews of the CPSUs.

Proposal of private enterpreneurs for setting up power projects in A.P.

3138. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals have been received from private enterpreneurs for setting up power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of power expected to be generated therefrom; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.